

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: 2019-711

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Dennis

Date of Introduction: September 24, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: R

Date of Analysis: September 23, 2019

Type of Action: Expression of Council sentiment

Bill Summary: This bill is a resolution expressing City Council's opposition to the proposed substitute to Local Bill J-1, which would place a referendum on the ballot to provide for an elected rather than appointed school superintendent. If J-1 as substituted is supported by the Duval Delegation, City Council recommends an amendment to also make the Chief Executive Officers of JEA, JPA, JAA, the JHA, the JTA, Kids Hope Alliance and the Downtown Investment Authority elected rather than appointed positions.

Background Information: Currently the Superintendent of Duval County Schools is appointed by the school board and Local Bill J-1 proposes a referendum to change it to be an elected position. If J-1 is supported by the Duval Delegation and the Superintendent referendum is voted in the affirmative by the electorate on November 3, 2020, the school superintendent would serve a term of four years, with a two-term limit and a holdover for the current superintendent. If the voters choose to change the charter by referendum for the purpose of electing the Duval County Public School Superintendent, City Council encourages additional referendum questions to decide whether the CEO's of independent agencies and authorities should also be elected and serve terms of four years, with a two-term limit.

Policy Impact Area: School Superintendent and other Chief Executive Officers of Independent Agencies and Authorities

Fiscal Impact: No direct cost to the City

Analyst: Hampsey